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MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH



FOR THE YEAR
1959

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
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JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my sixth Annual Report on the state of public health in the Wallingford and Wantage Combined Districts during 1959.

The population of the whole area shows a 2.3% increase on that of 1958. Wallingford Rural District accounted for almost 70% of this increase, and it would appear this trend will continue.

There was a 4.2% increase in the number of births during 1959, and the corrected birth rates for Wallingford Borough, Wallingford Rural District and Wantage Rural District exceeded the rate of 16.5 for England and Wales. At 16.0 Wantage Urban District was a little below the national level. The stillbirth rate of 18.6 showed an increase on the 1958 figure, but was still well below the rate of 20.7 for England and Wales. Of all births 3.6% were illegitimate compared with 5.1% in 1958.

The corrected death rates of all four districts were considerably lower than that for England and Wales. It must be remembered that crude rates cannot be compared with national rates until due allowance is made for age and sex distribution of the population and all old people's hospitals, institutions, homes and hostels in the area. Thus the crude rate of 18.5 for Wallingford Borough becomes 7.4 after correction. The infant mortality rate has shown a steady decline over the past four years, and the 1959 rate of 15.4 was considerably below that for England and Wales of 22.0. If infant mortality rates are a fair criterion of the standard of medical services and social conditions in the area, then we have reason to be satisfied. Of the 13 infant deaths under a year, 12 occurred during the first four weeks and of these 9 occurred during the first week of life.

The principal individual causes of death were Coronary disease 16.3%, Vascular lesions of the nervous system 13.6%, Pneumonia 6.2%, Cancer of the stomach 3.3%, and Cancer of the lung 2.9%. In England and Wales Coronary disease contributed to 16.1% of all deaths, and Cancer of the lung to 4%.

Much has yet to be learned about Coronary disease. How much is due to the stress and strain of modern living, to smoking, to the diet or to a combination of some or all of these? Present research may answer these questions during the next few years.

Lung cancer, of course, brings us back to our old topic — smoking. You may remember in my 1958 Annual Report I advocated the production of a short film pointing out the dangers associated with smoking and featuring some of the idols of stage, screen or sport. Shortly after it was published I was contacted by a London firm who were anxious to produce such a film for showing at Saturday morning children's cinema clubs throughout the country or on television. Naturally they wanted some financial backing, which in my opinion could easily be given by a combination of local health authorities, or by the Central Council for Health Education. They were advised to contact the latter body since when nothing further has been heard.

In a recent survey in Middlesex by the County Health Education Officer practically all the children questioned stated that they would like to see a film on the dangers of smoking rather than lectures, pamphlets, posters, etc. They further explained it must be a serious film.

It is noteworthy there were no deaths from pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Measles and Scarlet Fever accounted for almost 90% of all infectious diseases notified during the year. Most doctors are agreed that the notification of these two diseases no longer serves a useful purpose, and if this be so £111/15/0 in notification fees seems a big price for the County Council to pay for it. It is interesting to note there were only 15 cases of pneumonia notified, yet there were 30 deaths from this disease during the year. This would indicate a laxity in the notification of pneumonia.

Notifications of dysentery were up on the 1958 figure. Most cases were confined to Didcot and to one school in particular. The number of notifications only represents a portion of the actual number of cases, for many of those affected do not consult a doctor.

Pulmonary and non pulmonary tuberculosis showed an increased incidence. It is anticipated the Mobile Mass Radiography Unit will survey the area in the latter part of 1960.

For the first time since 1954 there were no cases of poliomyelitis in the area. It would, as yet, be too premature to attribute the absence of this dreaded disease to the extensive vaccination campaign, but one has high hopes that this may be so.

VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS

Vaccinations against poliomyelitis continued throughout the year. The adult response has, on the whole, been poor. Public apathy and lack of the disease generally go hand in hand. However, it is not so many years ago I remember a great panic for vaccination following a small outbreak of smallpox.

Smallpox vaccinations have increased by 20% on the 1958 figure, whilst immunisations against diphtheria and whooping cough in the combined districts have remained about the same.

CARAVANS

Little headway has yet been made over the proposed two caravan sites at Cholsey and Didcot. These, if they do come into being, will provide a high standard and set a pattern for any future sites whether council or privately owned.

There are approximately 405 caravans in the combined districts, some of these on licensed sites but many scattered throughout the countryside. Several of these sites are extremely unsatisfactory and it is hoped new legislation will enable district councils to deal with them in the manner they deserve. A caravan to me is substandard housing, and as such is no place to rear a family. However, two, three and even four children in a caravan is by no means uncommon. 75% of all caravan dwellers would gladly accept a house if such was available.

HOUSING

The demand for housing accommodation still far exceeds the supply. This year I have presented the housing problem in the form of a table showing the number of houses completed in 1959, and the waiting lists at the end of the year. You will notice the total waiting list for the combined districts is 1,122, a formidable number, which, if they were to be housed in new council houses at the 1959 rate of building, would take 25 years. Should areas with full employment receive more assistance towards providing housing accommodation? Perhaps this merits some consideration.

Medical Officers are constantly badgered by people seeking housing priority on health grounds. A small number of these are genuine cases suffering from chronic disease with or without some disability, but the majority suffer from miscellaneous complaints varying from colds, coughs, influenza, catarrh, etc., to "caravanitis". This last name I have given to a psychosomatic disorder commonly found in women with two or more children who have spent at least a couple of winters in a caravan. Indeed a summer such as we had in 1958 can cause it. Housing lists rarely diminish, as fast as names are removed new ones are added.

The work of slum clearance continues. A clearance area in Didcot was declared during the year. Many unfit dwellings can be brought up to standard by use of improvement grants and it is interesting to note the public are taking more advantage of these.

PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

During the year action had to be taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1948 in respect of an old woman suffering from chronic disease and living alone in grossly unsanitary condi-

tions. This case was complicated by the fact that she had no family doctor and refused to have one.

For every case brought under this Act there are about four or five border line which are kept under observation. Medical Officers tend to avoid using these powers except as a last resort. In this particular instance the greatest difficulty encountered was in securing a hospital bed, the hospital board officials rendering precious little help or co-operation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Here I wish to record with gratitude, my thanks to the Joint Health Committee, to all my medical colleagues in Berkshire and Oxfordshire, to the Public Health Laboratory, Oxford, and to the Public Health staffs of the four district councils for their un-failing co-operation, loyalty and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDMUND M. HAMILTON.

District	POPULATION			
	Area in Acres	Estimated Mid-Year Population		Differ- ence
		1958	1959	
Wallingford Borough	760	4,210	4,280	70
Wantage Urban	2,797	5,680	5,740	60
Wallingford Rural	21,790	17,370	18,060	690
Wantage Rural	74,181	16,000	16,190	190
Total	99,528	43,260	44,270	1,010

District	LIVE BIRTHS			Birth rate per 1,000 population	Corrected Birth rate per 1,000 population
	No. of live births 1959				
	Male	Female	Total		
Wallingford Borough	50	51	101	23.6	22.2
Wantage Urban	49	51	100	17.4	16.0
Wallingford Rural	161	175	336	18.6	19.7
Wantage Rural	168	137	305	18.8	18.4
Combined Districts	428	414	842	19.0	
England and Wales					16.5

STILL BIRTHS

District	No. of stillbirths		Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total (live and still)	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
Wallingford Borough	1	1		
Wantage Urban	3	4		
Wallingford Rural	6	2		
Wantage Rural	4	9		
Combined Districts	14	16	17.0	18.6
England and Wales			21.6	20.7

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

District	Number of illegitimate births per annum				
	1938	1945	1952	1958	1959
Wallingford Borough	3	5	5	3	3
Wantage Urban	3	17	5	4	6
Wallingford Rural	11	26	21	17	8
Wantage Rural	7	30	15	18	14
Total	24	78	46	42	31

DEATHS

District	No. of Deaths 1959			Crude death rate per 1,000 population		Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	
	M	F	Total	1958	1959	1958	1959
Wallingford Borough	39	40	79	15.9	18.5	4.4	7.4
Wantage Urban	25	38	63	9.1	11.0	8.0	8.8
Wallingford Rural	88	116	204	13.2	11.3	10.0	9.1
Wantage Rural	73	66	139	8.0	8.6	8.7	9.3
Combined Districts	225	260	485	11.0	11.0		
England and Wales						11.7	11.6

CAUSES OF DEATH 1959

Causes	Wallingford Borough		Wantage U.D.		Wallingford R.D.		Wantage R.D.		Combined Districts
	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	M. F.	Total	
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3
Tuberculosis, Other	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm stomach	1	1	1	1	3	2	6	1	16
Malignant neoplasm lung bronchus	2	—	4	—	6	1	1	—	14
Malignant neoplasm breast	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	4
Malignant neoplasm uterus	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	1	1	3	10	7	9	4	37
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	4
Diabetes	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	7	9	5	12	7	11	5	10	66

Coronary disease angina	6	1	7	5	4	9	12	19	31	17	15	32	79
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Other heart diseases	5	5	10	2	2	4	20	41	61	9	16	25	100
Other circulatory diseases	—	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	6	2	—	2	11
Influenza	—	5	5	—	—	—	2	—	2	3	—	3	10
Pneumonia	3	8	11	—	—	—	2	9	11	6	2	8	30
Bronchitis	3	1	4	2	—	2	3	—	3	1	1	2	11
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	—	4
Ulcers of stomach and duodenum	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	3	—	1	1	5
G	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	—	3	1	—	1	2	—	2	1	—	1	7
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pregnancy child-birth abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	—	1	1	1	2	2	—	2	1	2	3	8
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	5	6	—	7	7	8	9	17	6	7	13	43
Motor vehicle accidents	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	4
All other accidents	2	—	2	1	3	4	2	3	5	—	1	1	12
Suicide	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	39	40	79	25	38	63	88	116	204	73	66	139	485

INFANT MORTALITY

District	No. of infant deaths under 12 months		Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
Wallingford Borough	1	—		
Wantage Urban	2	3		
Wallingford Rural	8	3		
Wantage Rural	3	7		
Combined Districts	14	13	17.3	15.4
England and Wales			22.6	22.0

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Wal'f'd Borough	Wantage U.D.	Wal'f'd R.D.	Wantage R.D.	Total 1958	Total 1959
Measles	120	18	272	329	118	739
Whooping Cough	1	2	4	1	2	8
Puerpural Pyrexia	—	1	2	—	1	3
Paralytic Polio	—	—	—	—	2	—
Non-Paralytic Polio	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	2	—	2
Pneumonia	—	5	1	9	2	15
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	1	—
Dysentery	1	1	31	7	2	40
Scarlet Fever	1	51	39	64	13	155
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	1	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning	—	—	1	—	4	1
Malaria B.T.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	1	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary T.B.	1	5	11	10	20	27
Non-Pulmonary T.B.	1	—	3	5	1	9
Total	125	84	364	427	168	1000

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX 1959

	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15 years and over	Total
Wallingford Borough					
Primary	66	2	1	—	69
Re-Vacc	—	5	4	5	14
Wallingford Rural					
Primary	218	9	3	3	233
Re-Vacc	—	7	12	12	31
Wantage Urban					
Primary	57	11	1	1	70
Re-Vacc	—	4	—	1	5
Wantage Rural					
Primary	170	17	—	—	187
Re-Vacc	—	6	4	10	20
Combined Districts	511	61	25	32	629

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION 1959

	Under 1 Year	1-4 yrs.	5-15 yrs.	Total
Wallingford Borough				
Primary	59	5	—	64
Booster	—	—	17	17
Wallingford Rural				
Primary	253	23	—	276
Booster	—	4	21	25
Wantage Urban				
Primary	64	17	—	81
Booster	—	1	11	12
Wantage Rural				
Primary	153	22	—	175
Booster	—	—	21	21
Combined Districts	529	72	70	671

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATIONS 1959

	Children Born 1943-1959		Adults Born 1953-1942		Expectant Mothers	
	2nds	3rds	2nds	3rds	2nds	3rds
Wallingford Borough	271	956	226	47	66	18
Wallingford Rural	887	3,179	874	59	192	86
Wantage Urban	365	1,397	181	32	60	26
Wantage Rural	573	2,835	853	92	131	52
Combined Districts	2,087	8,367	2,134	230	449	182

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1959

	Under 1 Year	1-4 yrs.	5-15 yrs.	Total
Wallingford Borough				
Primary	62	6	1	69
Booster	—	—	10	10
Wallingford Rural				
Primary	236	15	—	251
Booster	—	5	28	33
Wantage Urban				
Primary	71	27	—	98
Booster	—	2	13	15
Wantage Rural				
Primary	175	21	—	196
Booster	—	2	17	19
Combined Districts	544	78	69	691

HOUSING

District	Houses completed 1959		Waiting List on 31.12.59
	Council	Private	
Wallingford Borough	—	10	126
Wantage Urban District	8	51	182
Wallingford Rural District	—	54	542
Wantage Rural District	36	101	272
Combined Districts	44	216	1,122

BOROUGH OF WALLINGFORD

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the dwelling houses in the Borough are supplied with water from main piped supplies. The supply was generally satisfactory in quantity and quality, but during the summer it was found necessary to prohibit the use of hosepipes in order to maintain the supply to the higher parts of the Borough.

Thirty-one samples of chlorinated water in distribution were taken for bacteriological examination. Twenty-nine samples were satisfactory, but two samples showed slight contamination.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewage from the whole of the Borough is pumped to the Wallingford Rural District Council's disposal works at Cholsey for treatment and this arrangement has continued to work satisfactory.

The erection of a new sewage pumping station was completed during the year and this has resulted in the elimination of one ejector station which was grossly overloaded.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly collection of refuse from all properties in the Borough has been maintained satisfactorily throughout the year and the Council has continued to use the Wallingford Rural District Council's tip for disposal.

RODENT CONTROL

Summary of work carried out.

	<i>Visits</i>	<i>Treatments</i>
Dwelling Houses	247	202
Business Premises	140	107
Local Authority Premises	10	6

MILK SUPPLIES

Two dairies in the Borough are registered for the retail sale of milk.

The following designated supplementary licences have been issued.

Tuberculin Tested	3
Sterilised	2
Pasteurised	2

Four milk samples were taken for bacteriological examination and all samples satisfied the appropriate tests.

ICE CREAM

Fifteen premises are registered for the sale of ice cream and one for manufacture.

FOOD PREMISES

TYPES OF BUSINESS

(a)	Butchers	...	...	...	...	8
(b)	Grocers	...	...	...	...	11
(c)	Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	2
(d)	Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	2
					(including one under (c))	
(e)	Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	6
(f)	Cafes	...	...	...	...	7
(g)	Hotels catering for non-residents	...	...	...	...	3
(h)	Bakers	...	...	...	...	4

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

(a)	Sale of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	15
(b)	Manufacture of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	1
(c)	Manufacture of Sausages	...	...	...	...	8

INSPECTION OF REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES

Twenty-seven inspections were carried out. In the case of one cafe the Council instituted proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, in respect of unclean conditions and secured a conviction.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY—FOOD HYGIENE

No educational activity in relation to clean food has taken place during the year.

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

All fresh meat condemned as unfit for human consumption is sprayed with liquid acid green and destroyed. All condemned tinned food is disposed of by the Local Authority with their refuse.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS

All premises selling and manufacturing ice cream in the Borough comply with the Regulations.

BAKEHOUSES

There are four bakehouses in the Borough. All were inspected and their condition was satisfactory.

HOUSING AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No houses were erected by the Borough Council during the year. Ten houses were erected by private enterprise.

Temporary permission was granted in respect of a construction camp for workers employed on the erection of a large maltings in the Borough.

The Council operate a small camping and caravan site at their Riverside Park for holiday purposes only, the maximum stay permitted being fourteen days.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

For the greater part of the year slaughtering was carried on at two slaughterhouses in the Borough. The Borough Council refused renewal of the licence in respect of one of these slaughterhouses and slaughtering was discontinued in September.

The following tables give details of carcases and offal inspected :

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	230	19	43	488	365
Number inspected	230	19	43	488	365
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	2	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	27	3	—	23	28
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	11.7	15.8	—	4.7	7.7
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	5
Percentage of which some part or organ was con- demned	.4	—	—	—	1.4
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

The following amounts of unsound food were also examined and voluntarily surrendered :

Tinned Meat	202 lbs.
Tinned Fruit and Vegetables	34 lbs.
Herrings	1 stone

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1 — INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	25	14	—	—
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	8	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	40	22	—	—

Cases in which defects were found

1 — Sanitary conveniences insufficient.

1 — Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork — Nil.

BATHING PLACE

The Borough Council own and maintain an open air swimming pool and paddling pool at the Riverside Park near Wallingford Bridge. In addition they provide facilities for river bathing on the same site. The swimming and paddling pools are supplied with water from a borehole and sterilisation is carried out by sodium hypochlorite solution. The swimming pool is emptied and refilled at least once a week from the borehole but as this causes the water to be extremely cold for swimming, the Council intend to install a full recirculation plant in 1960.

WANTAGE URBAN DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLIES

439 lineal yards of 4" diameter Spun Iron mains have been laid from Charlton Village Road through Palmers Farm Housing Estate and Cooper's Lane.

A new 6 inch diameter Spun Iron main 1,001 lineal yards in length has been constructed from the reservoir at Chainhill to Springfield Road and Larkhill to serve the housing estate which is in the course of development.

379 lineal yards of 4" diameter Spun Iron water mains have been constructed at Springfield Road to improve the water supply in this area.

111 lineal yards of 3" diameter Spun Iron main was laid at Partridge Close to serve the bungalows in the course of construction.

The supply of water from the borehole at the Manor Road Pumping Station was found to be adequate to meet all demands despite the dry summer.

The water storage capacity in the area is totally inadequate and action is being taken to improve the position with the proposed construction of an additional service reservoir of 450,000 gallons capacity.

29 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination and of these 28 were satisfactory. One sample taken from a private well showed evidence of gross contamination with organisms of the faecal type and action is being taken to have the water from this well discontinued for domestic use.

SEWERAGE

It is anticipated that the construction of a new sewerage system in the central area of the district will be commenced in the near future.

315 lineal yards of 9 inch diameter sewer have been constructed at Springfield Road.

Sludge drying continues to prove difficult at the Bradfield Farm Sewage Disposal Works, due to lack of sufficient drying beds.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly collection of all Domestic and Trade Refuse from all properties in the area has been maintained throughout the year.

The tip at "S" Hill is being worked satisfactorily and should provide tipping space for several years.

RODENT CONTROL

Rodent treatment has been undertaken as follows :—

(1) Council owned houses	1
(2) Private houses	20
(3) Business premises	2
(4) Sewer Manholes	80
(5) Refuse Tip	7
(6) Schools, etc.	1

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Haven Vale Caravan Site, Grove Street, licensed for 27 moveable dwellings has been regularly inspected. The sanitary and ablution arrangements are satisfactory and well maintained.

1 moveable dwelling is situated in another part of the area for which a licence has been obtained.

PRIVATE NURSING HOMES

There are no private nursing homes in the area.

HOUSING

	1958	1959
Number of permanent houses erected	32	59
Number of permanent houses erected by Local Authority	21	8
Number of permanent houses erected by Private enterprise	11	51
Number of temporary houses erected	—	—
Number of families on housing list	119	182

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Number of persons dealt with under Section 47	Nil
Number of persons dealt with under Section 50	Nil

PUBLIC BATHS

There is one open air swimming pool owned and operated by the Urban District Council. The pool is emptied, cleansed and re-filled weekly with water from the public mains. No filtration or purification plant is installed at present, the water being occasionally hand dosed with a chlorine solution.

DISINFECTION OF PREMISES

Number of premises disinfected during the year — Nil.

LICENSED PREMISES

There are 17 licensed premises in the area, 14 of which have been inspected involving 22 visits.

SHOPS ACT

Number of shops in the district	95
Number of shops inspected ...	79
Number of inspections	94

FOOD AND CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 55 food premises in the area as follows :—

Butchers	7
Wet Fish Shops	2
Fried Fish Shops	2
Grocers and General Stores ...	18
Greengrocers	3
Bakers and Confectioners ...	3
Bakehouses	3
Sweet Shops	6
Hotels	6
Restaurants	3

All the premises have been visited with a total of 69 visits. The standard of cleanliness in food premises is generally satisfactory. As a result of informal action 3 premises have been brought up to the standard of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

ICE CREAM

22 premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. All licensed premises have been inspected during the year, the total number of visits being 35. The premises were found to be satisfactory in respect of the storage and sale of ice cream. 13 samples of ice cream were taken, 8 of which were placed in provisional Grade I, and 5 in provisional Grade II.

MILK SUPPLIES

There are two retailers of milk in the district. One holds supplementary licences to sell Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested Milk, and the other holds licences to sell Pasteurised, Tuberculin Tested and Sterilised Milk.

There is one retail dairy in the district which is frequently inspected.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS

There is one licensed Slaughterhouse in the area and licences to slaughter animals have been granted to four persons.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	153	13	218	226	—
Number inspected	153	13	218	226	—
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	—	2	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	7.2%	—	0.92%	—	—
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

The following items were found, on inspection at premises other than slaughterhouses, to be unfit for human consumption, and were voluntarily surrendered :—

1 tin Brisket of Beef, 2 tins chopped pork, 12 lb. 12 oz. corned beef, 11 lbs. lambs liver, 15 tins Grapes in Syrup, 20 lbs. pigs plucks, 1 lb. Beef sausages, 1 tin Ox Tongue, 4 lbs. chopped pork, 1 tin Evaporated milk, 1 tin smoked salmon, 1 tin of luncheon meat, 16 lbs. chopped pork and 8 lbs. Pure Dairy Butter.

Unsound meat is sterilized and used for animal food. Other unsound foods are buried under Council supervision.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR DURING 1959

	No. of different properties or sites			Total No. of visits made
Water sampling	29	31
Sewage Disposal	1	15
Refuse Tip	1	21
Moveable dwellings	2	14
Public Baths	1	15
Licensed Premises	17	21
Shops	79	94
Food shops	55	69
Ice Cream shops	22	35
Slaughterhouses	1	57
Unfit food	5	12
Retail Dairies	2	7
General House Inspections	154	308
Drainage Inspections	18	21
Rodent Control	28	111
Miscellaneous Visits	9	9
Number of different premises inspected				424
Number of visits made	840
Number of complaints received		64
Number of defects or nuisances discovered				37
Number of nuisances abated		37
Number of notices : Formal		Nil
Informal		37

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	14	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	19	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	9	9	—	—
Total	48	39	—	—

2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Two Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective.
(both remedied).

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork—Nil.

WALLINGFORD RURAL DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR WATER SUPPLY

No major extensions were carried out during the year.

The Council's Water Undertaking is to be taken over by the Thames Valley Water Board on the 1st April, 1960.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Sewerage Scheme was completed during the year.

Good progress is being made with the Sewerage Scheme for the villages of North and South Moreton, Aston Upthorpe and Aston Tirrold, and the work should be completed by the 1st April, 1960.

REFUSE COLLECTION

STAFF—1 Foreman and 9 men (one man is employed full-time on tip control work.

EQUIPMENT—One 25 cubic yard Karrier fore and aft tipping vehicle.

One 15 cubic yard Karrier moving floor type vehicle.

One Fordson Major half-track vehicle equipped with dozer blade.

DISPOSAL. Controlled tipping at the gravel pits, Long Wittenham.

COLLECTION. Kerbside collection once per week. A charge of £1 per annum is made for additional service, where refuse is collected from the back-door in cases of illness, infirmity, etc.

TRADE REFUSE. No charge is made for the collection of trade refuse, but a charge of 5/- per load is made for disposal of such refuse on the tip.

GENERAL. The Council provided tipping facilities at the Pearith Pit for household refuse from the following sources : —

Wallingford Borough

Wantage R.D.C.

A.E.R.E. Harwell

During the year a new Fordson Major half-track vehicle, with a dozer blade, was purchased for tip control work. Considerable progress was made with the work of levelling that part of the tip now filled. This area is to be covered with a further layer of top soil with a view to bringing the land back into agricultural use.

SALVAGE

Salvage operations were confined to cardboard, rags and mixed metals, and a useful income was derived from this source. A percentage of the income is paid into the general rate fund, the remainder is shared amongst the collection staff as a monthly bonus.

RODENT CONTROL

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT IN 1959

	<i>Visits</i>	<i>Treatments</i>
Dwelling Houses	337	269
Business Premises	66	45
Local Authority Premises ...	471	78
Agricultural Properties ...	462	189
	<hr/> 1,336	<hr/> 581

Treatment of wasps nests — 80.

At 31.12.59 the Council had contracts with agricultural and business premises to the value of £308 per annum.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are four slaughterhouses in the district, all of which were surveyed during the year in connection with the preparation of the Council's Slaughterhouse Report. It is anticipated that two of these premises will be improved to comply with the new construction standards, and that the other two will be closed.

Details of meat inspection carried out during the period are set out in Appendix I.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF FOODS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

FRESH FOODS

Poultry, 45.

Dried Fruit, 21890 lbs.

Meat, 41 lbs.

CANNED FOODS

Fruit and Vegetables 1,823 cans=21,785 lbs.

Meat 2,326 cans= 1,062 lbs.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION

MILK. All milk retailed in the district is designated. Nineteen samples were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological analysis—all were reported as satisfactory. Warnings were issued to two retailers for selling milk from vehicles which did not display the vendor's name and address in a clear and conspicuous manner.

ICE CREAM

There is one shopkeeper in the district licensed to manufacture ice cream. During 1959 he bought his stock from a wholesale manufacturer, and no ice cream was produced locally.

No samples were taken during the year.

FOOD SHOPS GENERALLY

The Food Hygiene Regulations have been of great assistance in the improvement of standards of hygiene. All food shops are visited regularly, and the standard of cleanliness is good.

PROSECUTIONS

Two complaints re. contaminated food were received. One concerned part of a wooden meat skewer in a meat pie, the other related to a wasp in a pot of marmalade.

In the first case the Local Authority decided to issue a warning letter to the Manufacturers.

In so far as the complaint regarding the marmalade was concerned, the complainant declined to give evidence as to purchase, and the Council decided to take no further action.

STATISTICS

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

Food Factories	...	...	...	4
General Grocery	...	...	...	44
Butchers	...	...	...	10
Chemists	...	...	...	4
Cafes	...	...	...	5
Public Houses	...	...	...	30
Travelling food vehicles	...	...	...	11
Greengrocers	8
Confectioners	7
Fish Shops	3
Hotels with catering licences	7
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PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Manufacturers of Ice Cream	...	1
Storage and Sale of Ice Cream	...	50
Fish Frying	...	3
Sausage Making	...	7
Bakehouses	...	1
Dairies (Milk & Dairies Regulations)	...	1
Total number of inspections (all food premises) —		216.

PUBLIC BATHS

There are two small swimming baths in the district, one at Shillingford Bridge Hotel, and the other at the premises of the Wallingford Caravan Co., Shillingford Hill. The water supply from these baths is taken from the Thames, filtered and chlorinated.

A sample of water taken from the Shillingford Bridge Hotel bath was reported on as satisfactory.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

A summary of works carried out is outlined on the attached reports.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

During the year no persons were buried by the Local Authority under the provisions of Section 50 of the above Act.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION AND NOISE

No complaints relating to atmospheric pollution were received during the year. The Samor Pure Foods Ltd., Didcot, have fitted grit extractors into the chimney flues at their factory, and several complaints have been made concerning the noise emanating from these extractors. This matter is under consideration by the Council at the present time.

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR, 1959

	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Statutory</i>
General Housing Defects	11	—
Drainage	2	—
Defective Dustbins	5	—
Defective sanitary accommodation ...	2	—
Water Supply	3	—
Overgrown Ditches	9	—
Factories Act	1	—
Shops	—	1
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CARAVANS

There are approximately 175 occupied caravans in the district, many of which are unsuitable for permanent occupation. Moreover the majority of the sites on which these caravans stand, are of a poor standard. To assist with the problem the Council has decided to provide two municipal sites, one in Didcot and the other in Cholsey. There has been opposition to both proposals from occupiers of private property, consequently the Council are unable to proceed further with these schemes until the Minister of Housing and Local Government has held a Local Enquiry.

MEAT INSPECTION 1959

	Cows	Bulls	Steers	Heifers	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Lambs
January	36	—	32	43	16	219	11	482
February	67	—	35	51	13	262	2	434
March	32	—	28	31	26	201	—	187
April	25	1	36	25	9	190	—	283
May	15	—	35	24	4	205	39	308
June	17	—	35	37	4	104	66	267
July/August	19	—	22	59	21	141	140	1052
September	1	—	6	11	221	52	135	967
October	—	—	6	11	5	64	4	815
November	2	—	8	18	109	84	15	58
December	—	—	11	12	194	98	—	29
	214	1	254	322	622	1620	412	4882

Tuberculosis

Whole carcasses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part carcase								
or organs	10	—	9	—	28	—	—	—
%	4.67	—	1.56	—	1.72	—	—	—

Cysticercus Bovis

Whole carcase	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Part carcasses	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
%	—	—	.52	—	—	—	—	—

Diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercus Bovis

Whole carcasses	—	—	—	4	3	4		
Part carcasses								
or organs	91	—	191	8	162	245		
%	42.9	—	33.1	1.9	11.8	4.7		

WEIGHTS CONDEMNED

						<i>lbs.</i>
Whole Carcasses	...	...	...	...		778
Part Carcasses	...	...	...	...		121
Heads and meat	...	...	...	...		746
Offal ...	...	...	...	...		4193
						<u>5138</u>

MEAT NOT INSPECTED

% of total kill

Calves, 860	14
Lambs and Sheep, 351	36
(These animals covered by inspection at Reading)	

HOUSING

During the year 6 individual dwellings were represented as unfit for habitation. A Clearance Area comprising of 7 cottages in Manor Road, Didcot, was also declared, and submitted to the Minister for confirmation.

The Council are building 44 cottage flats in Didcot, which should be completed in 1960.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

One lecture was given to St. John's Ambulance Brigade on the duties and responsibilities of the Public Health Inspector.

APPENDIX I

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	5	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	37	54	1	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	39	59	1	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found — Nil.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork—68 (Making of wearing apparel).

WANTAGE RURAL DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR MILK

There are 12 distributors of milk, with 7 dairies, registered in the district. Inspections of these dairies have been carried out regularly throughout the year.

All milk sold in the District is subject to the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations. Licences permitting the sale of milk under Special Designations were in force during the year as follows :—

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	12
Pasteurised	...	...	...	8
Sterilised	...	...	...	5

22 samples of designated milks were taken. All were satisfactory.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 76 catering establishments in the district. This number includes licensed premises. There is, in addition 2 mobile snack bars regularly in use in the area.

67 visits have been made to these premises. Conditions have been found to be mainly satisfactory.

In the few cases where contravention of the Food Hygiene Regulations were found, proprietors of the premises concerned willingly co-operated with the Officers of the Council.

SHOPS

There are 57 shops in the district. Of these all but 3 are food shops. 108 visits were made to these premises during the year and in the majority of instances conditions were satisfactory.

BAKEHOUSES

Number in district	...	...	...	6
Number of inspections	...	...	...	11
Number of notices	Nil

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Number of dealers on register	...	59
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FOOD INSPECTION

The following food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

132 lbs. Canned Corned Beef
40 lbs. Cheese
15 lbs. Cooked Ham

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND BUTCHER'S SHOPS

4 slaughterhouses and 1 knacker's yard are licensed and used in the District although the latter is used only very rarely.

6 butcher's shops and 3 mobile meat shops are open in the district and each is inspected regularly.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed (if known)	74	118	106	1377	733	226
Number inspected	74	118	106	1377	733	226
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	6	4	6	1	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	3	1	14	23	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	1.4	7.6	4.7	1.5	3.3	.48
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was 2,479 lbs.

WATER SUPPLY

A piped supply of water is available in all parishes. In each case a borehole is the source of supply. There are 4 separate schemes, but these have been linked so that a deficiency at one bore may be augmented from another.

59 samples of water were taken from the various sources and were generally found to be of high bacteriological standard.

Parish	Acres	Pop.	No. of Houses		No. of Houses Connected to water mains		Sewerage
			Council	Private	Council	Private	
Ardington	2693	388	—	129	—	120	Yes
E. Challow	1657	684	86	129	86	129	Yes
W. Challow	1070	185	15	37	15	35	Yes
Childrey	2929	463	39	111	39	110	Yes
Denchworth	1041	171	11	42	11	40	
Goosey	946	122	6	33	6	25	
Grove	2513	1520	114	346	114	340	Yes
E. Hanney	2200	581	44	130	44	128	Yes
W. Hanney	1333	355	28	84	28	82	Yes
E. Hendred	3198	1288	80	336	80	334	Yes
W. Hendred	2002	328	29	72	29	68	
L. Regis	2155	430	41	106	41	103	Yes
L. Bassett	1631	187	11	44	11	44	†
Lockinge	3763	257	—	85	—	85	Yes
Sparsholt	3329	260	22	64	22	62	†
Aldworth	1886	205	12	55	12	50	†
Beedon	2096	377	22	103	22	99	†
Blewbury	4246	1093	54	252	54	243	Yes
Brightwalton	2054	295	15	88	15	82	†
Catmore	710	40	—	17	—	10	
Chaddleworth	3400	458	38	100	38	97	†
Chilton	1448	780	20	177	20	168	Yes
Compton	3803	1028	70	254	70	241	Yes
Farnborough	1886	107	4	33	4	31	
Fawley	2190	169	5	42	5	38	†
H. Norris	4479	699	51	180	51	162	†
Hermitage	1482	567	7	183	7	172	†
Harwell	2503	2021	78	456	78	454	Yes
E. Ilsley	3017	408	32	95	32	82	
W. Ilsley	3037	267	8	84	8	78	
Peasemore	2049	178	12	56	12	38	
Upton	1413	270	21	71	21	64	
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	74159	16181	975	3994	975	3814	
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† Small disposal works in existence for Council houses only.

Number of dwelling houses connected to the mains	...	4789
Population connected to water mains (approx.)	...	15790
Number of dwelling houses supplied by S/pipes (approx)		28
Population supplied by S/pipes (Est.)	... ..	100

REFUSE COLLECTION

2,888 tons of refuse were collected and disposed of at the refuse tips at Farnborough, Hermitage and Stanford.

A kerbside collection of refuse was made fortnightly throughout the district, with one housing estate near Wantage collected weekly.

Consideration was given during the year towards improving the present collecting arrangements by—

- (i) Introduction of weekly collection throughout the area.
- (ii) Conversion of present system to dustless loading.

The decision made was that whilst minor improvements could be carried out in the light of day-to-day working experience, the time was not yet opportune for any major change in the present collecting arrangements.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

All sewage tanks serving Council Houses are emptied once every month while cesspools are emptied once every two months. In addition, the vehicle is available for private work. During the year it was found possible to maintain the charge at the previous years' figure of £1/15/0d. per load, with reductions for subsequent loads, etc.

Number of emptyings of Council sewage tanks	124
Number of emptyings of Council cesspools	188
Number of emptyings of Private tanks and cesspools	464
Amount due to the Council	£1,014/12/3d.
Number of gallons of sewage pumped	1,149,600

RODENT CONTROL

Two surveys of the whole district were carried out during the year.

Number of complaints received	...	139
Number of infestations	... ..	414

In addition, any infestations found at the A.E.R.E., Harwell and Grove, and also Council owned properties throughout the area were effectively dealt with during the year.

AGRICULTURAL

Number of Agricultural Contracts	45
Amount due to the Council	£647/16/8d.
Treated at least once per month.	

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan sites at Harwell, Blewbury and Grove were licensed and in use during the year. In addition, there were 59 licences under the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 269 permitting the stationing and use of moveable dwellings in force for all or part of the year.

Number of caravans on licensed sites ...	138
Number of individual licences ...	59

HOUSING

During the year the selection of tenants for new Council Houses again formed an important part of the work of the Public Health Department.

New Council Houses were built and occupied as follows :—

Beedon	14
Grove	2
East Challow	4
Harwell	16

During the year the number of occupied hutments was reduced from 19 to 3.

Families were re-housed from unfit houses as follows :—

Grove	2	Harwell	7	West Hendred	1
East Hendred	1	Ardington	1	East Challow	3

Houses in the following parishes were demolished during the year :—

1 Cottage, Hermitage	2 Cottages, East Ilsley
1 Cottage, Denchworth	2 Cottages, West Hanney
1 Cottage, Letcombe Regis	1 Cottage, Aldworth

During the year 57 properties were improved with the assistance of an Improvement Grant made by the Council under the Housing Act, 1949. In addition, improvements to 1 property were carried out with the aid of a Standard Grant made under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

The housing position in relation to the Council's Slum Clearance Programme continued to improve during the year. Of the 271 properties schedule for demolition in the report of May, 1955, only 41 remain to be dealt with during 1960 which is the last year of the 5 year programme. The willingness of owners to recondition their properties has helped to reduce the original total to the present figure.

SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S WORK DURING THE YEAR 1959

Number of different premises visited	...	...	...	2178
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	2963
Number of complaints received	...	...	...	293
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	...	...	...	267
Number of notices served. Informal	...	...	...	27
Statutory	...	...	...	Nil
Number of prosecutions	...	...	...	Nil
Number of nuisances abated :				
As to privies and W.C.'s, sink wastes, etc.	...	...	...	11
As to drains and cesspools	...	...	...	61
As to pigs and other animals	...	...	...	2
As to deficient or impure water	...	...	...	1
As to unclean houses	...	...	...	2
As to polluted ditches and streams	...	...	...	4
As to insanitary accumulations and deposits	...	...	...	3
As to other defects or nuisances	...	...	...	31
Number of premises disinfected	...	...	...	3
Number of water samples for analysis (Public)	...	...	...	59
(Private)	...	...	...	8
Number of wells closed	...	...	...	Nil
Number of wells cleansed, repaired or deepened	...	...	...	Nil
Number of new houses connected to water mains	...	...	...	130
Number of water certificates granted (Rural District only)	...	...	...	Nil
Number of seizures or surrenders of unsound or diseased food	...	...	...	45
Number of conservancy closets replaced by W.C.'s	...	...	...	42
Number of slaughterhouses on register	...	...	...	4
visits	...	...	...	294
Piggeries. Number of inspections	...	...	...	2
Number of retail dairies in district	...	...	...	7
Number of inspections	...	...	...	22

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

INSPECTIONS

Number on Register Number of Written notices Occupiers prosecuted

(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	46	28	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	55	34	—	—

2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND
 Want of cleanliness—Three (all remedied).

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork—2 (Making of wearing apparel).

